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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-Y-045

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Park Head Church and Cemetery, Union Church

AND/OR COMMON

Park Head United Methodist Church and Cemetery

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old U.S. Route 40, Old National Road, Big Pool

6

CITY, TOWN

Maryland

STATE

* VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Washington

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☒ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☒ YES UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ch. Trustee Leroy Miller, Cem. Tru. Verde Younker

STREET & NUMBER

Big Pool, Md.

CITY, TOWN

301-842-2937

Telephone #: 301-842-3130

21750

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Hagerstown

CITY, TOWN

Liber #: SS 258

Folio #: 157 277

Md. 21740

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WA-V-046

CONDITION

—EXCELLENT
**_GOOD
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED
—RUINS
—UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED
**_ALTERED

CHECK ONE

**_ORIGINAL SITE
—MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church and cemetery lies west of Licking Creek, on the North side of old Route 40, 6 miles west of Clearspring, 6 miles east of Hancock, Md., in the Indian Springs District, in Washington County, Md. The cemetery surrounds the north, west, and east sides.

The church is a detached, red brick, one story with a balcony (gallery for slaves) rectangular building, with a vestibule in the front, a gabled roof covers the building, has 11 stained glass windows with storm windows, 2 sets of wooden double doors (front), 1 wooden rear door with storm door, a concrete and brick chimney. A bell encased in brick sets in the northwest corner of front of building. The sanctuary has paneling 1/4 up the wall, the remaining wall is mushroom color painted wainscoted, oak floors, with carpet runners in center aisle, carpeted chancel, 4 hanging chandliers and 2 balcony ceiling. 5 church school rooms and 1/2 bath on the north and west side of sanctuary have dome lights also, a set of stairs in the vestibule (in front of church) leads to the balcony. Bookcases are in the church rear wall and a closet (storage) and wallcoat closet in the vestibule.

An aluminum outbuilding for cemetery storage is in the rear of the lot with a macadam road leading into and part way around the cemetery.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1833;1958

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Rev. Jeremiah Mason, Church Trustees
1833 1958**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This building should be included in the National Register because it has stood for 150 years as a church, a place to freely worship, a place to gather in the nearby surrounding community, concerning human beings living together to promote their welfare.

History and Support

The building does retain its significant, design, aspect and feeling enough to be recognizable. Its original design has not been changed, even though rooms have been added., the gallery still remains in its place, the original brick that were made and burn burned nearby are still there.

The cemetery holds the remains of the old slave that once sat in the gallery of the church, a creek stone graces the head of his grave while a marble marker was dedicated to him in 1976 by the church group, graces his other end of his plot. His children are also interred here.

Quote-"To have maintained a place of worship continually for 121 years through-out good times and grievous ones is concededly an achievement worthy of being recorded." "Mrs. Mish-Park Head Church and the Rev. Jeremiah Mason"-page 48.

"Besides those in the towns there are several churches in the district, one a short distance north of Ft. Frederick, an Union Church, at the point where Licking Creek flows into the Potomac"-Scharf

"Rev. Mason built and established the church at Park Head" Williams

"Then Park Head Church was erected in 1833 near Licking Creek Mills, now Pecktonville, its founder and organizer was the Rev. Jeremiah Mason,"-Mish

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A History of Washington County, Md., from the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time, :
Thomas J.V. Williams, vol. 12, page 854

History of Western Maryland; Being a History of Frederick, Montgomery, Carroll, Wash-
ington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties-J. Thomas Scharf-Vol. 2, page 1293

Park Head Church and the Rev. Jeremiah Mason; Mary Vernon Mish; Reprint from the

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 1/2 acres more or less

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of Park Head Church is shown as a red circle on the accom-
panying map entitled Indian Springs District, no. 15, also portion of Hagerstown
and county area map

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Park Head Church Historien Mrs. Fay Younker

July 14, 1983

ORGANIZATION

DATE

6 Taliaferro Street

301-678-6921

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Pancok

Maryland, 21750

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created
by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the
Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA,
1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
Park Head Church				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
U.S. 40 at the junction with I-70				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Route 1, Big Pool				
STATE		COUNTY:		
Maryland		Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Congregation of the Park Head United Methodist Church				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Route 1				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Big Pool			Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:				
Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Hagerstown			Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): SS/157 (1836)				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
Maryland Historical Trust Survey, #4016				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer, 1967				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Annapolis,			Maryland	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ Excellent☐ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Park Head United Methodist Church is located on the north side of U.S. 40 just east of its junction with I-70 in Washington County, Maryland. Its entrance faces south or toward the road.

The church is a one-and-a-half story brick structure with white trim. Modern additions to the building include the entrance vestibule, dated 1949, and a shed roofed extension along the north side which was constructed in 1957. A small brick chimney is located inside the east side wall about midway between the gables. The roof is covered with modern sheet metal.

The foundations are of coursed local fieldstone which carry brick walls laid in flemish bond at the south gable or entrance end. Other walls of the original structure are laid in common bond. There is little decorative brick work associated with the exterior of the original part of the building. Flat brick arches are, however, present over the six-over-six pane sash windows.

The woodwork which finishes the windows and doors of the original section consists of simple molding. Cyma molding finishes the modern cornice as well as the overhang of the roof at the gables.

A date stone located within the south gable end of the church is marked M1833R. Recorded on the corner stone is the information that the land for the church was deeded from Anthony and Margaret M. Snyder in 1836. The church was built by the Reverend Jeremiah Mason.

The interior and exterior of the building have been substantially altered. Local historians report that the south or entrance end of the building was destroyed by a wind storm some time after the Civil War.

The church stands on .05 acres of ground and is in excellent condition.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

M 1833 R

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the church at Park Head has been altered, it is significant both for its architecture and its history. Architecturally, the church is an example of a type of structure built in Washington County during the mid 19th century. These churches, usually erected by small congregations were generally only two or three bays in length. Many of these structures are very plain and functional in design and were frequently built without steeples. The Park Head Church is one of the earlier buildings remaining in the County which is still in use.

The Reverend Jeremiah Mason, builder of the Park Head Church, was a distinguished Washington Countian who came to this area about 1805 from southern Maryland. The Masons were a wealthy family which had been established in Maryland since the 17th century. Jeremiah Mason settled in Washington County on lands along the Licking Creek which he called "Castle Howe." In addition to his interest in Park Head Church, the Reverend Mason helped to establish churches in Clear Spring and Boonsboro in Washington County. Mason was also a businessman, planter and held office as a Whig in the County government.¹

¹ Thomas J. C. Williams, History of Washington County, Maryland, Volume II, Mail Publishing Company, Hagerstown, Md., 1906, p. 854.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 45' X 52' + 57 perches (.05 acres)

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historic Sites Survey	DATE September, 1973
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

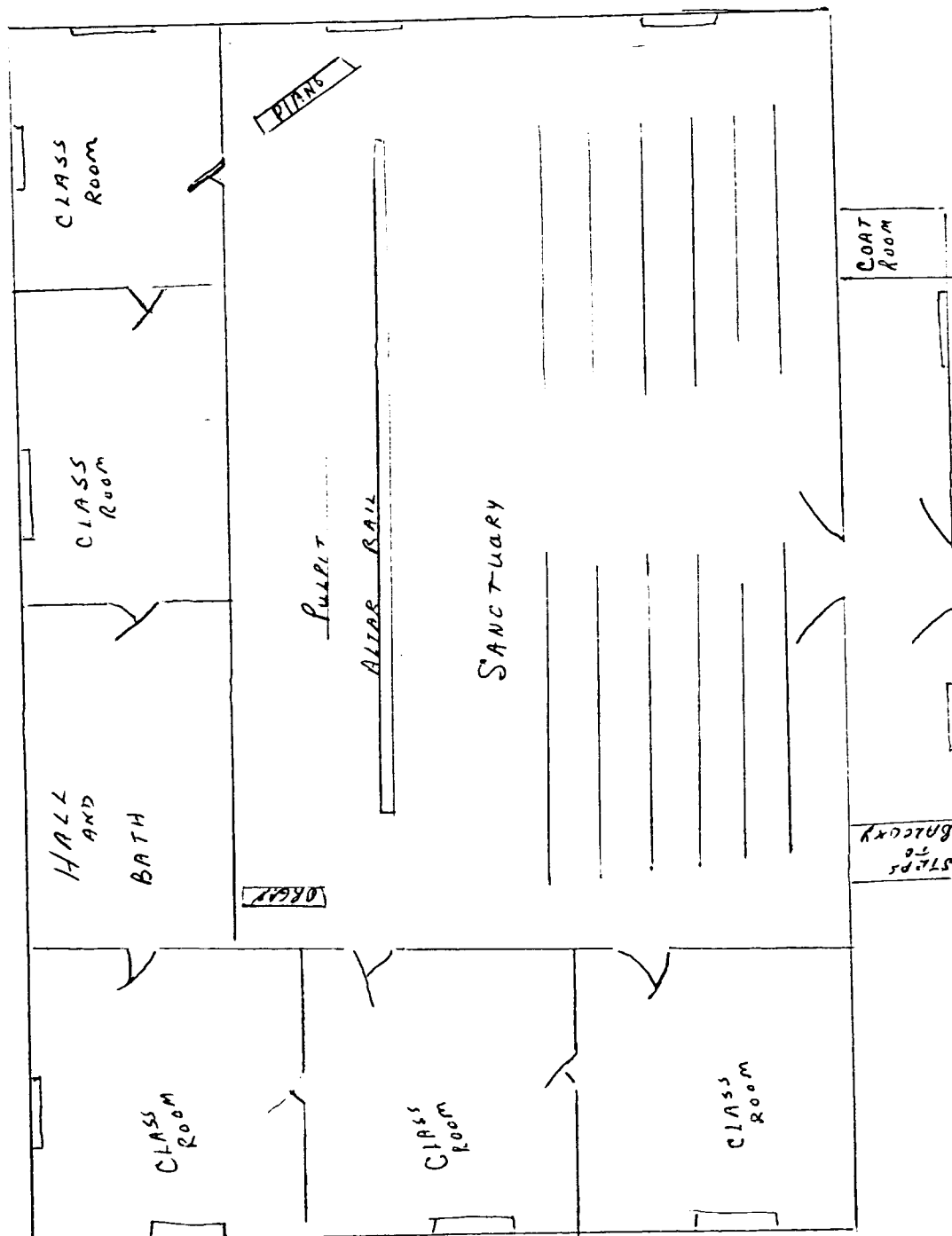
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National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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Park Head Church Floor Plan

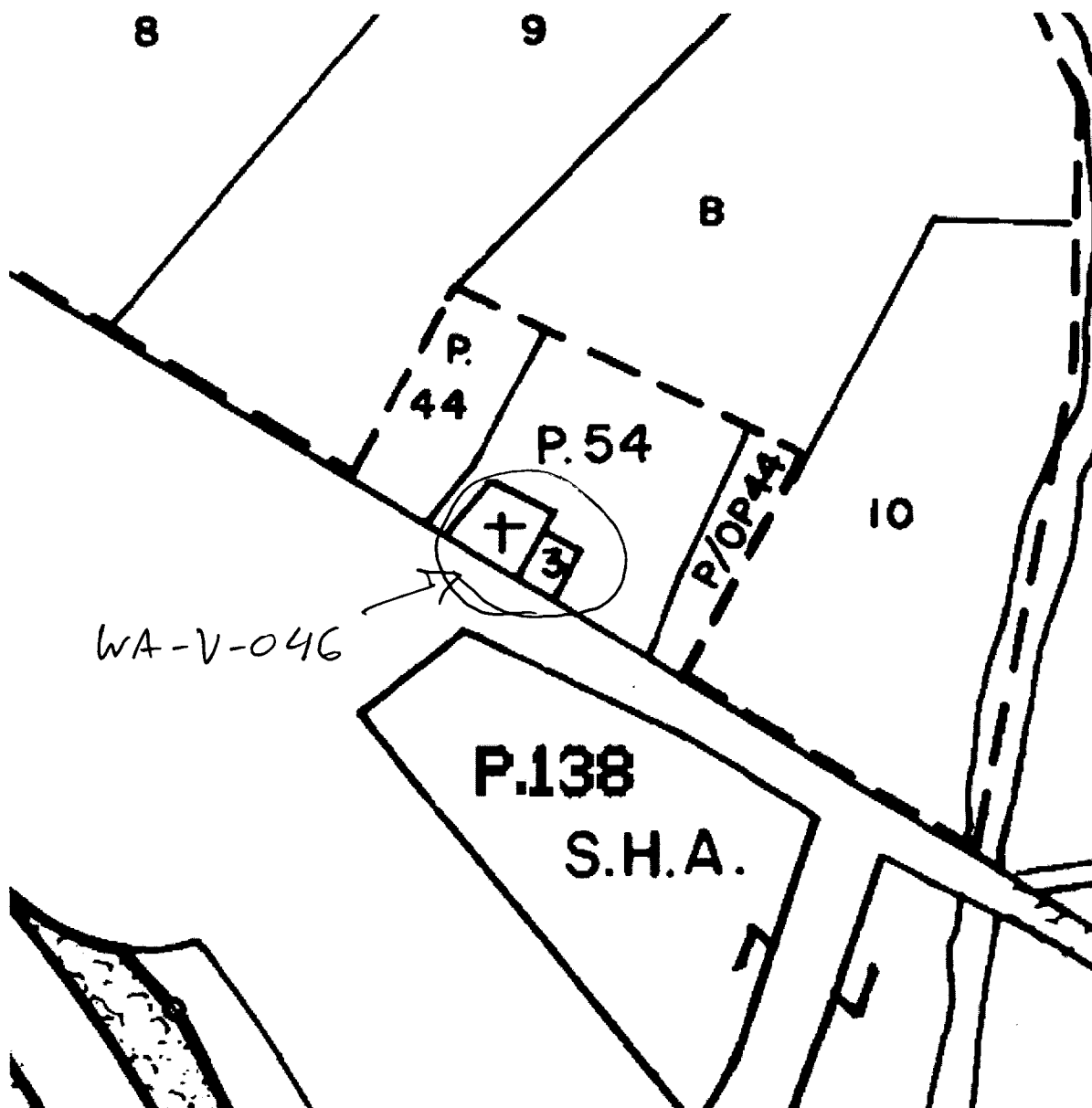


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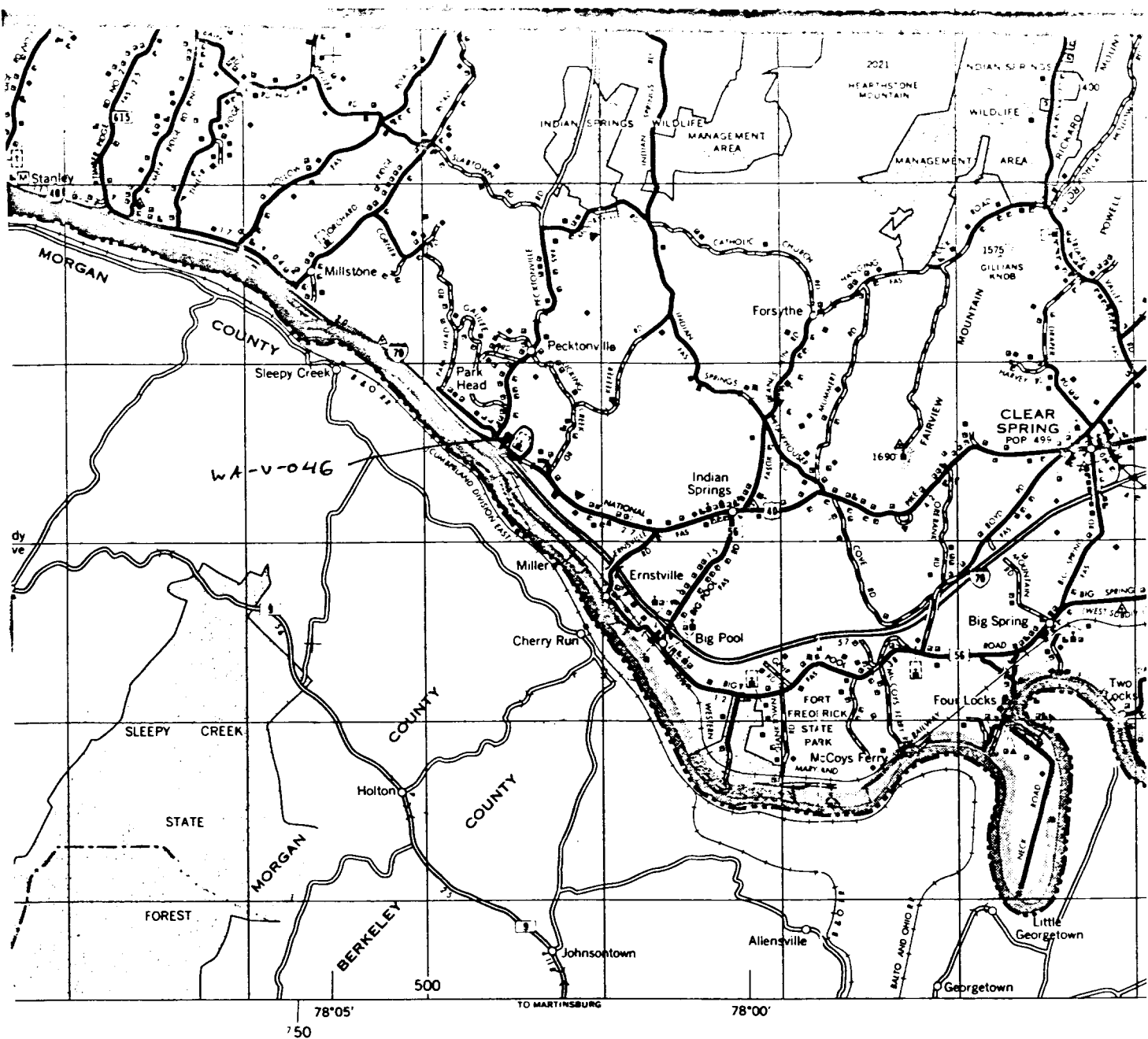
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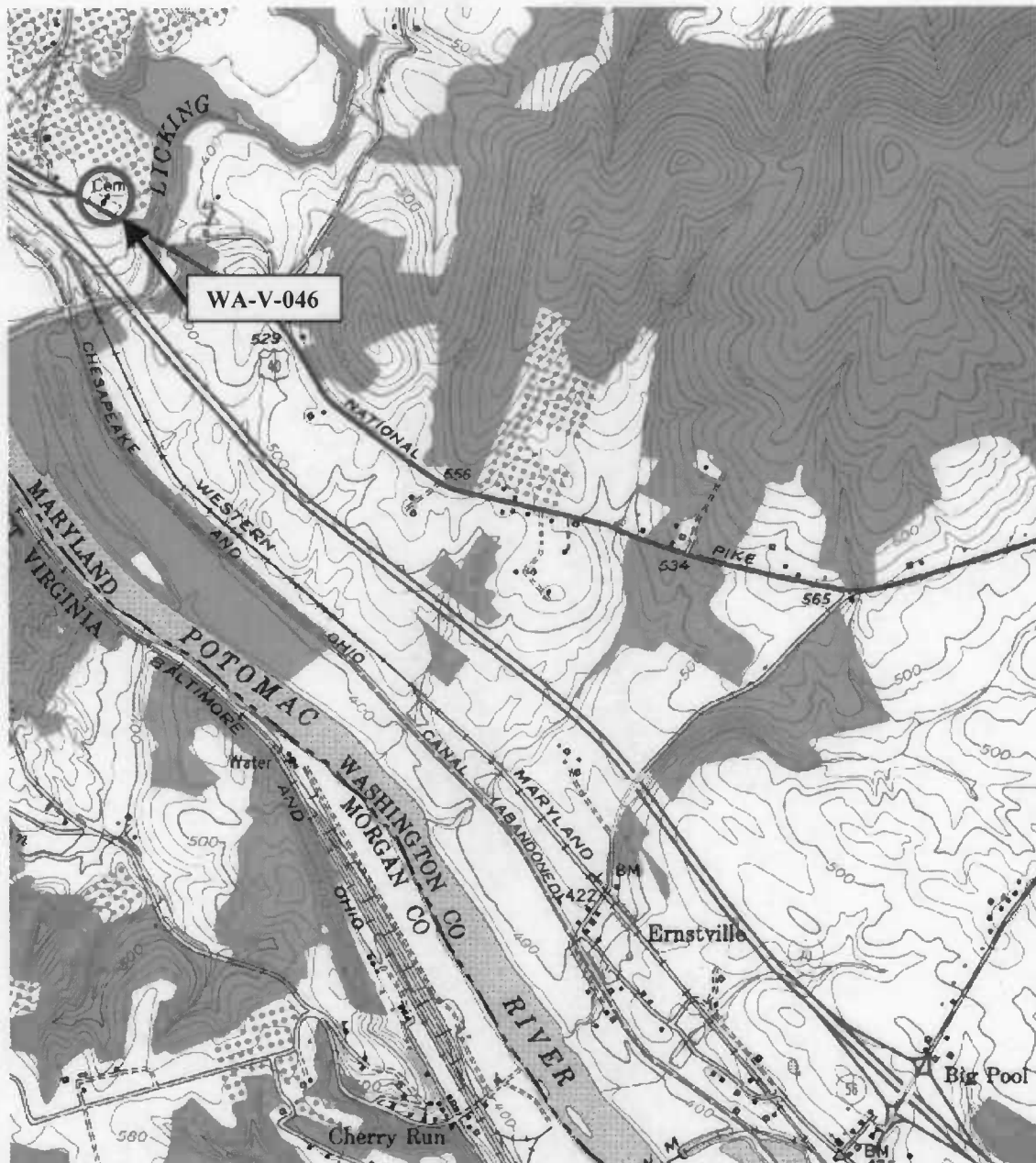


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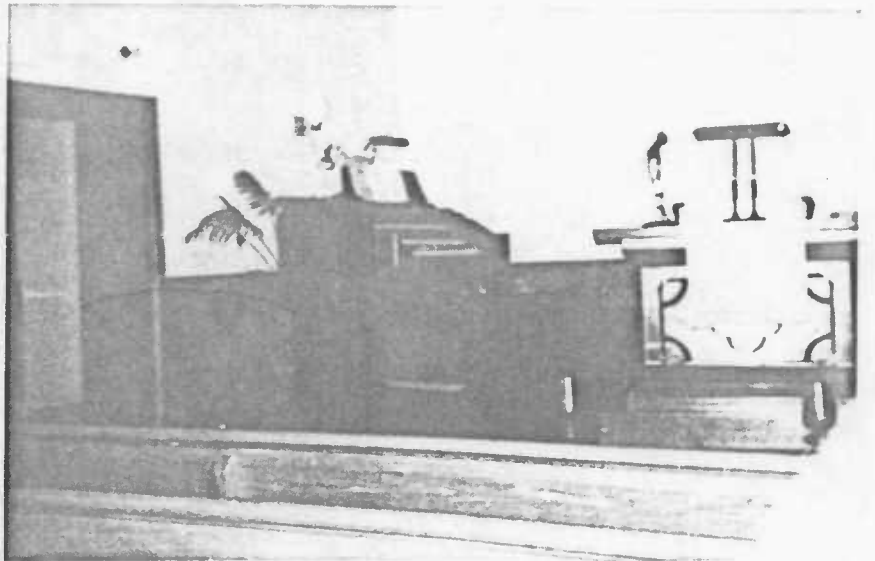
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